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REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-14 as anticipated by Ishitani (GB 2140880). Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to recite the oil compartment and air compartment, which are not disclosed by Ishitani. Therefore, claims 1 and 14 are not anticipated by Ishitani.

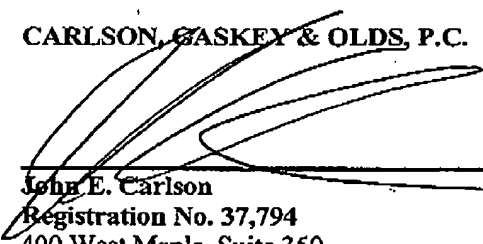
Claims 7 and 14 have been amended to recite a sealed compartment between the third seal and the first seal. This is what makes the third seal a "backup" seal. If the pressurized seals in the present invention should lose pressure, the backup seal (third seal) will provide an adequate seal, at least temporarily. The seals 32, 34 in Ishitani are not backup seals, but instead provide sealing between other passages and thus do not define sealed compartments between them and the pressurized seals 12 in Ishitani. Therefore, claims 7 and 14 are not anticipated by Ishitani.

It is believed that no fees are due. If any fees are due, please charge all fees to Deposit Account No. 21-0279.

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